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Utility Patent Application

Attorney's Docket # 02-135

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Tile Grout

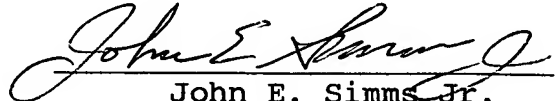
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- x a specification
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The inventor, Christopher Warren and C&K Industries, LLC, to which the inventor is obligated to assign the invention, both qualify as small entities and claim such status herewith.

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| Filing Date | |
| First Named Inventor | Christopher Warren |
| Examiner Name | |
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| Attorney Docket No. | 02-135 |

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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| 101 790 | 201 395 | Utility filing fee | |
| 106 330 | 206 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 540 | 207 270 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 790 | 208 395 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 150 | 214 75 | Provisional filing fee | |

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| 103 22 | 203 11 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 82 | 202 41 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 270 | 204 135 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 82 | 209 41 | ** Reissue Independent claims over original patent |
| 110 22 | 210 11 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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| 105 130 | 205 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 | 227 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 130 | 139 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,520 | 147 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 112 920* | 112 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* | 113 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 | 215 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 400 | 216 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 950 | 217 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 1,510 | 218 755 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 2,060 | 228 1,030 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 310 | 219 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 310 | 220 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 270 | 221 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 | 138 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 | 240 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,320 | 241 660 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,320 | 242 660 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 450 | 243 225 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 670 | 244 335 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 | 122 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 50 | 123 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 240 | 126 240 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 | 581 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 790 | 246 395 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
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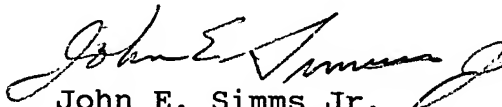
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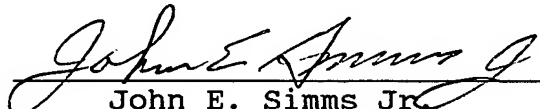
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| | Attorney Docket Number | | 02-135 |

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